

## Complete Summary

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### TITLE

Heart failure: percent of patients with a history of smoking cigarettes who are given smoking cessation advice or counseling during hospital stay.

### SOURCE(S)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). 7th statement of work (SOW). Quality of care measure specifications: heart failure (HF). Baltimore (MD): Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); 2002 Aug 1. Various p.

Heart failure core performance measures. In: Specifications manual for national implementation of hospital core measures. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 2002 July. p. HF-1 to HF-4-5.

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percentage of heart failure patients with a history of smoking cigarettes, who are given smoking cessation advice or counseling during hospital stay. For purposes of this measure, a smoker is defined as someone who has smoked cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival.

This measure represents an alignment of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations measures. As such, some attributes characterized in this NQMC summary may be attributable to either or both organizations.

### RATIONALE

Smoking cessation reduces mortality and morbidity in all populations. Patients who receive even brief smoking cessation advice from their physicians are more likely to quit. National guidelines strongly recommend smoking cessation counseling for smokers with cardiovascular disease, including heart failure. Despite this recommendation, smoking cessation counseling is rarely provided to older patients hospitalized with heart failure.

### PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Heart failure; smoking cessation advice or counseling

### DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

Heart failure patients with a history of smoking cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

#### NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Heart failure patients (cigarette smokers) who receive smoking cessation advice or counseling during the hospital stay

#### Evidence Supporting the Measure

##### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

##### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

##### EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

A systematic review of the clinical literature

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

##### NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [ACC/AHA guidelines for the evaluation and management of chronic heart failure in the adult: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines \(Committee to Revise the 1995 Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Heart Failure\).](#)

#### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

##### NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Overall poor quality for the performance measured

##### EVIDENCE SUPPORTING NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). 7th statement of work (SOW). Quality of care measure specifications: heart failure (HF). Baltimore (MD): Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); 2002 Aug 1. Various p.

#### State of Use of the Measure

##### STATE OF USE

Current routine use

#### CURRENT USE

Accreditation  
Collaborative inter-organizational quality improvement  
Internal quality improvement

#### Application of Measure in its Current Use

#### CARE SETTING

Hospitals

#### PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Measure is not provider specific

#### LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Single Health Care Delivery Organizations

#### TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than or equal to 18 years

#### TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

#### STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

#### Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

#### INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Nearly 5 million patients in the United States (U.S.) have heart failure (HF), and approximately 500,000 to 900,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

#### EVIDENCE FOR INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Hunt SA, Baker DW, Chin MH, Cinquegrani MP, Feldman AM, Francis GS, Ganiats TG, Goldstein S, Gregoratos G, Jessup ML, Noble RJ, Packer M, Silver MA, Stevenson LW. ACC/AHA guidelines for the evaluation and management of chronic heart failure in the adult. Bethesda (MD): American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF); 2001 Sep. 56 p. [573 references]

## ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

## BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Each year, more than 430,000 deaths in the United States (U.S.) are attributed to a smoking related illness.

## EVIDENCE FOR BURDEN OF ILLNESS

National Cancer Institute. Prevention and cessation of cigarette smoking: control of tobacco use. [internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Cancer Institute; 2002 Sep [cited 2002 Dec 06]. [10 p].

## UTILIZATION

Unspecified

## COSTS

Heart failure (HF) is the most common Medicare diagnosis-related group, and more Medicare dollars are spent for the diagnosis and treatment of HF than for any other diagnosis.

## EVIDENCE FOR COSTS

Hunt SA, Baker DW, Chin MH, Cinquegrani MP, Feldman AM, Francis GS, Ganiats TG, Goldstein S, Gregoratos G, Jessup ML, Noble RJ, Packer M, Silver MA, Stevenson LW. ACC/AHA guidelines for the evaluation and management of chronic heart failure in the adult. Bethesda (MD): American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF); 2001 Sep. 56 p. [573 references]

## Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

## IOM CARE NEED

Living with Illness

## IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness  
Patient-centeredness

## Data Collection for the Measure

## CASE FINDING

Users of care only

## DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

Discharges, age 18 years and older, with a principal diagnosis of heart failure

## DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition  
Institutionalization

## DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

### Inclusions

Discharges with an International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Principal Diagnosis Code for heart failure and a history of smoking cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival

### Exclusions

- Patients less than 18 years of age
- Patients transferred to another acute care hospital
- Patients who expired
- Patients who left against medical advice
- Patients discharged to hospice

Refer to the original measure documentation for details.

## NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

### Inclusions

Heart failure patients (cigarette smokers) who receive smoking cessation advice or counseling during the hospital stay

Exclusions  
Unspecified

Refer to the original measure documentation for details.

## DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

## NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Institutionalization

## DATA SOURCE

Administrative and medical records data

## LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

#### PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

#### Computation of the Measure

#### SCORING

Rate

#### INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

#### ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

#### STANDARD OF COMPARISON

External comparison at a point in time  
External comparison of time trends  
Internal time comparison

#### Evaluation of Measure Properties

#### EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

The core measure pilot project was a collaboration among the Joint Commission, five state hospitals associations, five measurement systems, and 83 hospitals from across nine states. Participating hospitals collected and reported data for heart failure (HF) measures from December 2002 to December 2001.

Core measure reliability visits were completed the summer of 2001 at a random sample of 16 participating hospitals across 6 states.

Preliminary data from the pilot project indicates that 39% of HF patients with a history of smoking within the past year received smoking cessation advice or counseling.

#### EVIDENCE FOR RELIABILITY/VALIDITY TESTING

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A comprehensive review of development and testing for national implementation of hospital core measures. [internet]. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 2002 [cited 2002 Nov 13]. [8 p].

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Overview of the heart failure (HF) core measure set. [internet]. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 2002 Mar 22 [cited 2002 Nov 13]. [3 p].

## Identifying Information

### ORIGINAL TITLE

Adult smoking cessation advice/counseling.

### MEASURE COLLECTION

[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Aligned Measures](#)

### MEASURE SET NAME

[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Aligned Heart Failure Measures](#)

### DEVELOPER

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

### ENDORSER

National Quality Forum

### ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

### RELEASE DATE

2000 Aug

### REVISION DATE

2002 Aug

### MEASURE STATUS

This the current release of the measure.

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#### MEASURE AVAILABILITY

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
The individual measure, "HF-4: Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling," is published in "Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services, 7th Statement of Work, Quality of Care Measure Specifications: Heart Failure (HF)."

For more information, e-mail CMS PROINQUIRIES at [proinquiries@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:proinquiries@cms.hhs.gov).

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)  
The individual measure "Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling," is published in "Specifications Manual for National Implementation of Hospital Core Measures." Information is available from the [Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations \(JCAHO\) Web site](#). For further information refer to [www.jcaho.org](http://www.jcaho.org).

#### COMPANION DOCUMENTS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
A software application designed for the collection and analysis of quality improvement data, the CMS Abstraction and Reporting Tool (CART), is available from the [CMS CART Web site](#). Supporting documentation is also available.

For more information, e-mail CMS PROINQUIRIES at [proinquiries@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:proinquiries@cms.hhs.gov).

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

The following are available:

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